

## THE WATER-METERS.

SUPERINTENDENT BOLLING DISCUSSES THEIR EFFICACY; HERE, COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

Petition to Clear First Market on Sunday Mornings—The Sewer-Connection Inquiry Comes to an End—Some Other Business Transacted.

The Council Committee on Water held a regular meeting in Room No. 12 of the City Hall last night, Messrs. Briggs (chairman), Noble, Garber, Hawkins, Zimmerman, and Carter being present. Superintendent Bolling presented some interesting figures and facts regarding the water-meters which have been placed in the city, and the report, which was as follows, was placed on file for the information of the committee and the public:

R. T. Briggs, Chairman of the Committee on Water.

In his report this morning he gave from the placing of 300 water-meters, recently put in, 234 of which are in use, and from which we get the following information: Thirty-five houses use 92 per cent less than 100 gallons per meter; 100 houses use 100 per cent less than 100 gallons per meter; 100 houses use 100 per cent less than 100 gallons per meter; 100 houses have a little lower by the meter than by ordinance rates. The extreme cases were: One house consumed 100 gallons per month, about 3 gallons per day; the other having a hydrant and one other consumed 14,638 gallons per month, about 146.38 gallons per day. It was discovered, which otherwise would never have come to light, through the checking of hydrants, valves, which were found left running and wasting. In every instance where leaking valves and fixtures were found, notices were left, and the consumers notified that if this continued high bills would result. All these examinations and notices were made prior to commencing the charge for water by the meter, so that even those upon whose pipe a meter was placed would have full opportunity and time to correct all leaks.

## HOW TO GET BEST RESULTS.

The fact that 35 houses out of 232 used less than 100 gallons per month seems to us clearly establish the necessity of fixing a minimum quantity which is to be used at each premise, which is the general custom in all cities, otherwise ordinances will not be kept clean.

This can easily be accomplished by fixing such an amount as will not exceed the present charge by ordinance. Our present rates charge for water in the city are as low as \$5.70 per annum for actual consumption for such fixtures as are absolutely necessary for such lot-name.

ly a bath, a toilet, a closet, a kitchen, a dining room, a parlor, and a bedroom.

Our water-takers average about 10,000,000,000 gallons per annum, or about 100,000,000 bushels of contract wheat in Chicago, with hardly anything coming, and an immense short line of cash wheat sold for export. This is the situation as it now plays into the hands of the bull combine.

## MINNEAPOLIS AND ST. LOUIS.

The sudden rise of September was not reflected in any other large market in the country, with the exception of Minneapolis, where September bounded from 92 cents to \$1. St. Louis advanced 2 cents at one time, but relaxed to the opening price for December.

ALTHOUGH statistics were not given much attention, item of foreign news had been the wheat influence. The foreign potato-crop shortage is estimated at the enormous total of 1,000,000,000 bushels, which is expected to increase the demand for American wheat. Its influence was especially felt in December wheat, which is not supposed to be under the thumb of any clique.

Corn and provisions were both affected by the excitement in wheat. In corn the trading was enormous, and although an addition of but 11-80112 cents was recorded, the feeling was very strong at the close. The closing prices for provisions were from 15 to 20 cents higher than yesterday.

church, especially those in which female members are most concerned. Bright, cheerful, and vivacious, fond of society, her house always open for the reception of guests, she will be sadly missed in this community.

## WHEAT AND CORN MARKETS.

Boom in the Lower-Priced Cereal Predicted Now.

NEW YORK, August 26.—The speculative attraction in grain circles to-day was the corn market. The ring was surrounded from start to finish by a large crowd of brokers, most of whom were bulls, who had buying orders which brought the total business up to \$80,000 bushels. A tip had been given out that corn was good for a big rise in the next few weeks, and investment buying was a feature of the day. Many of the biggest operators are now interested in corn. Word came from Chicago that the corn ring there could not hold the crowd of traders who were trying to execute orders. The country is interested in the predicted boom, and bought freely to-day.

When wheat sold off in the afternoon corn broke loose from its higher priced companion, and had a little bulge on its own hook. The crop news is unimpressive, and the frost season is near at hand, and, from all accounts, the grain is so far behind its average growth at this time of the year, that even with the most favorable weather from now on it will enter the danger period at a disadvantage.

## WHEAT ABOVE \$1 IN CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, August 26.—To-day, for the first time since the present bull market in wheat was started, wheat sold above the dollar mark in Chicago. Ten minutes after the opening \$1.001-2 was offered, an advance over \$1.001-2's closing price of \$1.001-2 cents. Even at that temperature, however, the bull clique refused to let go of their holdings. Enough wheat came on the market to break the price to \$1.001-8 cents by the time the closing bell sounded, but brokers who are engineering the deals stoutly deny that it came from them. There was, perhaps, a shade of malice mixed in with the way they forced shorts to bid prices up. It was currently reported on Monday when prices broke so sharply, that the point was to be sold for up to \$400,000 in advances. They certainly had their reasons. The rise was plainly due to the clique, which is now swelled by rumors to include Joseph Leiter, George R. French, Allen, Grier & Co., and James Keene of Wall street. The only leader—George R. French—who appears definitely above the surface, has the secret that he has a line of 5,000,000 bushels of September wheat. There is not more than 400 bushels of contract wheat in Chicago, with hardly anything coming, and an immense short line of cash wheat sold for export. This is the situation as it now plays into the hands of the bull combine.

## GENERAL NEWS.

His Honor Mayor Collier and the members of the Common Council to-day received an invitation to attend the Convention of Mayors and Councilmen, which is to meet in Columbus, O., on the 28th of September. The object of the convention is to form a national organization of mayors and councilmen, and to discuss questions of interest to municipal government.

ALTHOUGH the public does not know with certainty the exact date of the arrival of Colonel James D. Brady in the internal revenue office here, there is but one position which falls outside of the classified service. The stamp in the office here will be sent to Richmond on the 20th to be transferred to the new Collector.

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